

After spending 30 days on an Ignatian retreat, Sister Joanne was inspired to co-found the St. Francis Prayer Center with Father Phil Schmitter. The Center is dedicated to providing a place of quiet and contemplation. The Center has moved 3 times to better serve the poor and at risk population. Her work on behalf of the disadvantaged has earned Sister Joanne numerous awards including: Woman of the Year by the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, the Groundwork "Christian Discipleship" Award from the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Center for Environmental Justice Award from the Flint Chapter of the NAACP. Along with Father Schmitter, she has also received the Citizens Participation Award for 20 years of ministry in public housing, and the Dr. Albert Wheeler "Seeker of Justice" Award from the Diocese of Lansing.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Sister Joanne Chiaverini as she celebrates her Golden Jubilee as a Sister Servant of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and wish her the best in the coming years.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF VIVIAN CANTRELL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Vivian Cantrell, and to celebrate her tireless devotion to her community, her faith, and to justice. Vivian passed away after a battle with cancer, but her spirit will live on in the people and organizations fortunate enough to have known her.

Vivian never passed up an opportunity to challenge the status quo. She was an outspoken civil rights advocate, and frequently could be found advocating for equal treatment for all school children or lending her voice to community organizations. Vivian was an engaged citizen; not only was she active in political campaigns, but she demanded accountability from those candidates to ensure that the community got the attention it deserved.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering Vivian Cantrell, for a life spent in service to the community. May Vivian's humor, strength, and zeal for justice live on in all those who knew her.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, on September 5, 2007, I was unavoidably detained from the House Chamber.

Had I been present I would have voted: "nay" on rollcall 849, On Motion to Instruct Conferees, College Cost Reduction Act of 2007; "yea" on rollcall 848, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, Microloan Amendments and Modernization

Act; "yea" on rollcall 847, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act.

IN RECOGNITION OF NINEL SEGAL

HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

Mr. McNULTY. Madam Speaker, I am most pleased to recognize the outstanding contributions of a beloved constituent of mine, Ninel Segal, and to insert in the RECORD the testimonial presented to Ninel by Rabbi Paul B. Silton of Temple Israel in Albany, New York:

On this Shabbat Korach, Rosh Kodesh Tammuz, the 30th of Sivan 5767, corresponding to the 16th of June 2007, we, the friends of Ninel Segal, are privileged to join together at Temple Israel of Albany, New York to honor her as she prepares to celebrate her 28th wedding anniversary with her beloved Charles.

To you, Leah bat Alter v'Braina, we say: Thank you for the inspiring example you have created for all of us; the example of love and devotion to the Jewish people and to the leaders and citizens of our great country. As a teacher you devoted yourself to the education of your students at the Sholem Aleichem Folkschule in Mount Vernon, New York. You served as director of the Speakers Bureau and as a program associate for the National Committee for Labor Israel. You served as a volunteer for Congressman MICHAEL R. McNULTY for 16 years and received Congressional Recognition for your indefatigable efforts to help so many people in the community. While working for Congressman McNULTY, you had the opportunity to meet presidents of many countries.

A Zionist for years, you have supported Israel with devotion and loyalty. Your concern for the perpetuation of your Jewish heritage has been constant and consistent.

In the years to come, may God continue to bless you and your beloved Charles with vigor of body and mind so that you can work in His vineyard, performing deeds of loving kindness for all who are privileged to meet you. May God crown your life with honor and achievement. May He fill your heart with love of neighbor and concern for the welfare of all people. May He grant you a satisfying religious life in this sanctuary of the House of Israel.

On behalf of the entire Temple Israel family, Mazel Tov.

MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS FOR FRED FISKE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 60TH ANNIVERSARY ON THE WASHINGTON AIRWAVES—30 YEARS ON WAMU 88.5

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, as the Representative of the 8th District of Maryland, I am delighted to have as one of my constituents Fred Fiske, the senior commentator for WAMU 88.5. On September 27, 2007, Fred

Fiske will celebrate 60 years on Washington radio—30 of those years at public radio station WAMU. It is my great pleasure to congratulate Fred on the occasion of his anniversary and on his long and very distinguished career on the Washington airwaves.

A New York City native, Fred Fiske got his start in radio as a child actor in the 1930s. While in high school, he performed in radio plays for The Magic of Speech on NBC, and in such dramas as "The Farmer Takes a Wife" with William Holden and "Green Goddesses" with Ronald Coleman. During the summer season, he worked the "Borscht Belt" in the Catskills with up-and-coming actors Danny Kaye and Betty Garrett.

After graduating from Brooklyn College with a bachelor's degree in speech and drama, Fred put his radio career on hold and enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. During World War II, he served as an aerial gunner and a radio operator in the 8th Air Force. Fiske flew 30 missions over France and Germany as part of a B-24 crew, and brought home a Distinguished Flying Cross and 4 Air Medals. His squadron leader was Colonel Jimmy Stewart.

After the war, Fred was discharged on September 20, 1945, and returned to New York, where he taught high school and earned a master's degree in speech and education at Columbia University. After teaching high school speech and drama for a year, he resumed his radio career as a free-lance actor on soap operas, plays, and nighttime shows. In 1947, he moved to Washington, DC and on September 27, 1947, he landed a job with WOL radio, then part of the Mutual Broadcasting System. The station later became WWDC.

Fred provided live coverage of the presidential inaugurations of Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower, and he also covered political conventions, state funerals, elections and other historic events. During the 1950s, he hosted a midday radio music program featuring the pop music of the day—he became Washington's highest rated radio music host. And, in the 1960s, he hosted a morning show on WWDC and wrote a weekly music column for Washington's Daily News called "Fiske's Discs."

In 1970, Fred became host of Empathy, a call-in talk show on WWDC, which later became The Fred Fiske Show. For 7 years, it was the only talk radio program in Washington. When WWDC changed formats in 1977, Fiske brought his program to the public radio audience at WAMU, where he kept lively and interesting conversation going for the next 10 years. In 1987, he retired from the rigors of hosting 5 nights a week and moved the show to Saturday mornings, where it became Fred Fiske Saturday. Since 1995, Fiske has served as WAMU's senior commentator, and he can still be heard every week on Metro Connection.

On a personal note, I want to thank Fred Fiske for his thoughtful and trenchant political analysis and commentary. His refreshing insights always challenge our community and our country to constantly improve and be the best we can be.

On behalf of the residents of my District, I extend my congratulations to Fred and send him my best wishes as he continues his outstanding career in radio.